

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, and 23, as amended, and claim 17 are pending in the instant application. New claim 24 has been added. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification at, for example, page 1, line 22; page 4, lines 20-24; page 5, lines 18-20; page 9, lines 8-10; page 10, lines 5-8; page 14, line 37 to page 15, line 3; and in Tables 1, 3, and 5. No new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendments.

Applicants respectfully contend that in view of the above amendments and arguments presented in Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2007, all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Switzer believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at 312-913-0001.

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